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## **STATUS INQUIRY**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on January 30, 2004 but have not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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